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State Board of Control
Austin, Texas

Gentlemen;

Attention: Dr. Chas. W. Castner

Opinion No. O-2753

Re: Whether money for the purchase of readers may be allowed blind students attending college outside of Texas.

In your letter of September 17, 1940, you direct our attention to item No. 21 in the current appropriation to the Texas School for the Blind, found at page 294, Special Laws of Texas, Vol. 2, Acts Forty-sixth Legislature, H. B. No. 286, Chapter 7. Said item reads:

"21. Readers for blind students in college who are graduates of affiliated high schools; provided no student may be allowed more than \$25 per month for readers, and that the Board of Control may prescribe payment . . . 1,800.00 1,800.00"

You request our opinion in response to this question:

"Can the State Board of Control legally prescribe payment to readers for blind students attending college outside the State of Texas?"

The Texas School for the Blind does not teach college subjects. In fact there is no college for the blind in this State. This item of appropriation was intended to provide pay for persons to read to blind students attending college, there being no way for such students to prepare any lesson requiring reading except to have someone read the same to them. Actually the appropriation is meant for the benefit of the blind student, not for any particular college. When the allowance is made to a student attending the University of Texas, the University

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does not receive it. If the allowance be made for a student attending William and Mary College in Virginia, that school would not be receiving the money. Hence, we think the appropriation may be drawn upon to provide readers for blind Texans attending out of state colleges and we answer your question affirmatively.

Yours very truly

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